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Title: DISK DRIVE AND CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed September 15, 2004 (Paper No. 7) and is being filed within the shortened statutory period set for a response in the Office Action.

In response to the Office Action please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listings of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.